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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN REACTION TO UNGA DONAU PARK RESOLUTION

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND OTHER GOA SPOKESMEN IN VIENNA
HAVE CALLED UNGA ADOPTION OF AUSTRIA'S CO-SPONSORED COM-
PROMISE RESOLUTION ON UN'S USE OF DONAU PARK (UN CITY) FACILITIES
QTE A SUCCESS FOR AUSTRIA UNQTE EVEN AS THEY ALSO
RECOGNIZED, FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY, THAT ALL PROJECTED
SPACE MAY NOT BE FILLED BY UN UNITS, AT LEAST IN FIRST
INSTANCE. GOA THUS APPEARS TO BE ASSUMING, IN WAKE OF
UNGA ACTION, SOMEWHAT MORE REALISTIC STANCE ON POSSI-
BILITIES OF MOVING RELUCTANT UN BUREAUCRACIES FROM NY
AND GENEVA TO VIENNA AND OF DEVELOPING BEFORE ITS OWN
1979 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS A FIRM SCHEDULE FOR UN'S
OCCUPATION OF EXTENSIVE FACILITIES THAT ARE MATTER OF
GROWING CONTENTION BETWEEN GOVERNING SOCIALIST AND
AND OPPOSITION PEOPLES AND FREEDOM PARTIES.

2. CHANCELLOR KREISKY TOLD REPORTERS THAT ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION WAS DEVELOPMENT FAVORABLE TO SWISS-
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AUSTRIAN RELATIONS AND THAT SECURING FEW MORE UN
OFFICES FOR VIENNA WAS NOT WORTH CONTROVERSY WITH
SWISS. HE CONTENTED, HOWEVER, THAT SWISS SHIFT
FROM COMPLAINING ABOUT BURDEN OF IO PRESENCE IN
GENEVA TO ENERGETIC EFFORT TO KEEP UN UNITS THERE
PROVED CORRECTNESS OF AUSTRIA'S DECISION TO GET UN

AGENCIES TO VIENNA. IF UN DID NOT NEED SOME OFFICES WHEN THEY WERE READY, KRESIKY SAID, EMPTY SPACE COULD BE LET TO PRIVATE FIRMS FOR LIMITED PERIODS OF SIX MONTHS OR YEAR.

3. AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP JANKOWITSCH WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC IN DESCRIBING RESOLUTION TO AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS IN NY. HE CALLED IT QTE TRIPLE BREAKTHROUGH UNQTE IN WHICH UNGA HAD CLEARLY EXPRESSED ITS COMMITMENT FOR OPTIMUM USE OF DONAU PARK FACILITIES, HAD DELINEATED FOR FIRST TIME AREAS OF ACTIVITIES FOR VIENNA-BASED UN BODIES TO INCLUDE SOCIAL WELFARE AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AREAS ALREADY REPRESENTED THERE BY IAEA AND UNIDO, AND HAD REACHED CONSENSUS OF MEMBERS THAT INCLUDED ALSO SWITZERLAND AND UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE THOUGHT RESOLUTION WAS FIRST STEP THAT WOULD ELIMINATE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS TO FUTURE STEPS.

4. OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN AND MOST NON-SOCIALIST PAPERS IN AUSTRIA DESCRIBED UNGA ACTION AS CLEAR SETBACK FOR SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT'S HOPES OF FILLING DONAU PARK FACILITIES WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED IN 1983. PEOPLE'S PARTY MP AND SPOKESMAN ON DONAU PARK MATTERS FRITZ KOENIG RIDCULED CONTENTION THAT PRIVATE FIRMS WOULD BE WILLING TO RENT SPACE IN DONAU PARK FOR SHORT TERMS KREISKY ENVISAGED. PEOPLES' PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN AND SOME INFLUENTIAL PAPERS ALSO SAW RELUCTANCE OF EC COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ORIGINAL AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION OR TO MEDIATE AUSTRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWISS DIFFERENCES AS INDICATIVE OF SORRY STATE OF AUSTRIAN RELATIONS WITH ITS WEST EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS AND OF NEED TO REVIEW GOA'S POLICY OF EMPHASIZING RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AT APPARENT EXPENSE OF TRADITIONAL TIES. THESE TWO THEMES WERE ALSO NOTED BY SEVERAL SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS WHO IN PRIVATE OBSERVATIONS TO EMBASSY OFFICERS COMPLAINED THAT AFFINITY OF AUSTRIA'S UNPERMREP FOR THIRD WORLD NOT ONLY FAILED IN RUNDCH TO GENERATE EXPECTED SUPPORT FROM THAT QUARTER BUT HAD COST AUSTRIA SUPPORT FROM SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. BUCHANAN

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